
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 248—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS)

MARCH 6, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Amends Charter of City of North Las Vegas to
revise provisions concerning Municipal Judges.
(BDR S-449)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas;
increasing the term of Office of Municipal Judges;
authorizing an increase in salary to be applied during the
current term of a Municipal Judge; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Section 4.005 of the Charter of the City of North
2 Las Vegas, being chapter 215, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 747,
3 is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 Sec. 4.005 Municipal Court.
5 1. There is a Municipal Court of the City which consists
6 of at least one department. Each department must be presided
7 over by a Municipal Judge and has such power and
8 jurisdiction as is prescribed in, and is, in all respects which
9 are not inconsistent with this Charter, governed by the
10 provisions of chapters 5 and 266 of NRS which relate to
11 Municipal Courts.
12 2. The City Council may, from time to time, by
13 ordinance, establish additional departments of the Municipal



1 Court and shall appoint an additional Municipal Judge for
2 each additional department.

3 3. At the first municipal primary or municipal general
4 election that follows the appointment of an additional
5 Municipal Judge to a newly created department of the
6 Municipal Court, the successor to that Municipal Judge must
7 be elected for ~~an~~ *an initial* term of ~~2 or 4~~ *not more than 6*
8 years, as determined by the City Council, in order that, as
9 nearly as practicable, ~~one-half~~ *one-third* of the number of
10 Municipal Judges be elected every 2 years.

11 4. Except as otherwise provided by the ordinance
12 establishing an additional department, each Municipal Judge
13 must be voted upon by the registered voters of the City at
14 large ~~and~~ *and holds office for a period of 6 years and until his*
15 *successor has been elected and qualified.*

16 5. The respective departments of the Municipal Court
17 must be numbered 1 through the appropriate Arabic numeral,
18 as additional departments are approved by the City Council.
19 A Municipal Judge must be elected for each department by
20 number.

21 **Sec. 2.** Section 4.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las
22 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended
23 by chapter 215, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 748, is hereby
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 4.020 Municipal Court: Residency requirement of
26 Municipal Judge; salary.

27 1. A Municipal Judge must have been a resident of the
28 City for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately
29 preceding his election.

30 2. If so required by an ordinance duly enacted,
31 candidates for the office of Municipal Judge, at the time of
32 filing, shall produce evidence in satisfaction of any or all of
33 the qualifications for office.

34 3. The salary of a Municipal Judge must be fixed by the
35 City Council ~~and~~, *must be uniform for all departments of the*
36 *Municipal Court and may be increased during the term for*
37 *which a Municipal Judge is elected or appointed.*

38 **Sec. 3.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of North Las
39 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by
40 chapter 405, Statutes of Nevada 1981, at page 754, is hereby
41 amended to read as follows:

42 Sec. 5.010 General municipal elections.

43 1. ~~On the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in June 1981,~~
44 ~~and at each successive interval of 4 years, there shall be~~
45 ~~elected by the qualified voters of the city, at a general election~~



1 ~~to be held for that purpose, a Municipal Judge, who shall hold~~
2 ~~office for a period of 4 years and until his successor has been~~
3 ~~elected and qualified.~~

4 ~~—2.]~~ On the Tuesday after the ~~[1st]~~ *first* Monday in June
5 1977, and at each successive interval of 4 years thereafter,
6 there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a
7 general election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two
8 Councilmen, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and
9 until their successors have been elected and qualified.

10 ~~[3.]~~ 2. On the Tuesday after the ~~[1st]~~ *first* Monday in
11 June 1975, and at each successive interval of 4 years
12 thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the
13 City, at a general election to be held for that purpose, two
14 Councilmen, who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and
15 until their successors have been elected and qualified.

16 **Sec. 4.** The provisions of section 1 of this act do not apply to
17 the current term of any Municipal Judge elected or appointed before
18 October 1, 2003.

